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Church Directory.

St. Mark's Church.—Rev. G. P. Schetty, D. D., Rector.
Services—Sunday, 10 1/2 a. m., 7 p. m. Sunday School after morning service. Friday, 4 p. m.

Catholic Church.—St. Mary's Immaculate Conception. First Sunday of every month at Arlington: Mass at 10 o'clock; Catechism after mass. Second, fourth and fifth Sundays at Paw Paw: Mass at 10:30; Catechism, 3 P. M. Third Sunday at Decatur: Mass at 10 o'clock; Catechism after mass. During the week, Mass at 8 o'clock. WERNER.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. H. W. Harvey, Pastor. Sunday School at 12 Mr. J. W. Free, Sup't. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

M. E. Church.—Rev. G. L. Cole, Pastor. Services: Sabbath morning at 10 1/2; Sabbath School at noon, A. H. Herson, Sup't.; Evening service at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

F. W. Baptist Church.—Rev. J. B. Drew, Pastor. Services: Sabbath morning at 10 1/2; Sabbath School at noon, Geo. W. Matthews, Sup't.; evening service at 7 o'clock. Weekly Prayer service, Thursday evening.

Christian Church.—Rev. O. Ebert, Pastor. Services: Sabbath morning at 10 1/2; Sabbath School at noon, O. Ebert, Sup't. Weekly Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening.

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Ayer's Pills promote digestion, improve the appetite, restore healthy action and regulate the secretory functions of the body, thus producing a condition of perfect health.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lawton Legends.

Mrs. Jay Reynolds and Lottie have left town for a few weeks.

Monday was hog day, with prices from \$5 to \$5.30 per hundred.

Mr. Alonzo Mitchell came home one day last week with a new bride.

Will Cooper has sold his house and four lots to Thomas Mahard for \$350.

Miss Bertha McElhenny, of Bangor school, has been spending a few days at home.

Mrs. Hannah Hubbell has bought the place where she has resided so long, for \$1100.

Elmer Williams, who has been in Wisconsin during the summer in the egg trade, is again seen on our streets.

Editor of the Courier was in town Monday, hunting up locals, new subscribers and attending to business in general.

Memorial services at the Baptist church one week from next Sabbath, on the death of George Birdsell, which we mentioned in these columns a few weeks ago.

Prospect Lake Pickings.

Mrs. H. B. Hulst has returned from her eastern visiting tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Francisco, from Calhoun county, visited at Frank Chase's last week.

Charlie Hill has been investing in sheep. He has had some experience in sheep banding, and we presume he will make the investment pay well.

The windows of the house on the Stoddard place, now owned by James Abrams, are boarded up, which we suppose means that James will not move on to the farm until spring.

Edwin Irwin, brought a number of horses with him from Missouri, which he wishes to sell. They are kept in Lyman Witter's barn. Mr. Irwin is staying with his sister, Mrs. Barker.

Mrs. Lottis Cooper, wife of Lyman Cooper, died on Monday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p. m., of typhoid pneumonia. The funeral services were attended at the school house on Wednesday the 30th, at 1 p. m. Sermon by the Rev. J. White of the M. E. Church, Decatur. Mrs. Cooper was born in the town of Grove, Alleghany county, N. Y., in the year 1835. She was a member of the M. E. Church, a sincere and earnest christian, a loving wife and mother and a kind and obliging neighbor. Her loss will be deeply felt throughout the community. But we know that our loss is her eternal gain.

Porter Parlane.

"Purgatory" wants a school ma'am awful bad.

Mrs. Williams, who has been to York State, came home a short time ago.

Mrs. Paddock who has been absent for four or five months, has returned.

They are organizing a singing school, to be held at the church. It will not be public however.

Susie Jackson, who has been visiting relatives here, goes to Chicago this week. Mrs. Sally Hall goes with her.

Florence Dodge has been sick for over three weeks, with typhoid malarial fever. Dr. Andrews is attending her.

Next Saturday and Sunday will be quarterly meeting at South Porter, after which a series of revival meetings will be held.

Charlie Paddock has moved to the State of Marcellus, and will engage in teaching. This makes his third term in the same district.

Mrs. Myron Hall, who has been visiting friends and relatives at Plymouth and Commerce, has returned, and for the present, is living in Lawton.

A short time ago the Rev. Mr. Fuller, president of the East Michigan Conference, preached a powerful discourse on "Man's duty to his fellow man," after which he described some of the scenes which he witnessed at the burned district, then followed a good collection for the sufferers. Mr. Fuller is a good reasoner as well as a rapid talker, and he went away leaving a good impression upon all who had the pleasure of listening to him.

Waverly Wanderings.

Miss Emma Bingham, of Berlamont, is visiting friends in Waverly.

If asked to prophesy as to what the winter will be, we would say mud! mud!

Glendale thinks she can boast of having the best school teacher in the township.

Mr. Wm. C. Allen, wife and baby are visiting his father's family, Mr. Job. Allen of Glendale.

Dr. Carrier and Pliny Irwin have just received their patent on their remedy for yellow in peach trees.

Milton J. Sherrod has purchased the house and one acre of land adjoining his father's farm, formerly owned by Malcolm Campbell, for \$250.

An epidemic, resembling spasmodic colic, is prevailing among horses in this vicinity. Mr. Al. Brink came very near losing a valuable horse, also John B. Sherrod had two attacked with the same disease.

Married, Nov. 17th, by Rev. J. H. Darling, Mr. Theodore Davis, of Wood county, Wis., to Miss Jennie Rogers, of Waverly, Mich. Theo., we glory in her spunk—she did not and would not go west.

On Monday morning of last week one of the family of S. E. Qua went down cellar for something and discovered the faucet knocked out of their molasses barrel, and about 20 gallons of very nice sorghum molasses wasted.

Dr. M. A. Carrier is seeking his fortune in Arizona Territory. He has been gone about three months and the people of Scott Lake and vicinity have been obliged to go to Bloomingdale for pills. On the 20th of Nov. a young gentleman took up his abode at the corners and is ready for practice. He has black hair, black eyes and weighs about 9 lbs.—his name is Carrier.

Keeler Kennings.

Albert Gregory is feeding a fine lot of sheep for the market. He is one of the solid farmers of this township.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Klett, a boy about seven months old died of spasms on Sunday last.

On Monday, Charles Duncombe, with three yoke of cattle and a gang of men, commenced grubbing on the Ryder farm.

A very fine bible was placed on the pulpit of the M. E. Church last Sunday. It was a gift from some of the ladies of the congregation, and was received by the pastor, Mr. Buell, in some well chosen remarks.

The Ladies Temperance Union held its monthly meeting at the M. E. Church, on Tuesday evening. The exercises consisted of essays, readings, music, etc., which were all good and well received by the audience.

One of our citizens wants to know when they are going to try the man who shot Garfield. He does not take a paper of any kind and we wonder if he knows Washington is dead. He must be one of those fellows who always vote for Andrew Jackson for President.

On Sunday, as old Mrs. Baker, mother of John and Hiram Baker, was going to Mr. Byers', she slipped and fell. Mr. Jacob Rosevelt, who saw her at the time took her home. She has been since suffering from a badly sprained hip, but Dr. Bartholomew who was called, says she is getting better.

Much righteous indignation and loathing has been expressed by all good citizens here against that vile, low and scurrilous article from the Keeler correspondent to the Hartford Day Spring, in which they sought to dishonor and disgrace the family of one of our most esteemed and worthy citizens. None but those of low and debased characters would ever seek in such a public manner to wound the feelings or add to the sorrow of an already overburdened sensitive mother's heart. It seems that whenever any one has such contemptible, low and vile stuff to publish, they know which paper in the county

with characteristic fondness, delights to print it. We will wager a new hat, that had it been sent to any other paper in this county, the editor would have quickly consigned it to the waste paper basket. How true also is the old saying, that those who live in glass houses should not indulge in throwing stones. And in this wicked world how soon is unrequited friendship forgotten. The senior editor of that paper must have forgotten, when more than twenty-five years ago he appealed in pathetic terms, while his teeth chattered with the ague, and tears of remorse ran down his youthful cheeks, to this same man, whom he now seeks to injure, to lend his influence before the grand jury, and save him from being indicted as being the father of his wife's sister's child. If we mistake not, the author of that article could tell how her husband and father went to the same man to borrow money—because—because they needed it. From such sources only could we expect such vile stuff to flow.

Keelings from another Keeler Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Grundy, with Mr. Gossip, of the Dowagiac Times, are making lively times among the initiated.

The singing "schule" in the western part of the town is progressing finely under the management of Prof. W. O. Cook.

The reading people have inhaled a sudden fit of enterprise, which is to add to the town library by voluntary contributions.

People need not go away to other towns to buy christmas presents, while Mr. Owen has such a variety of both the useful and the beautiful.

We notice "ye editor" has found a new way of heading these reports. We are quite interested to know in what category our own small offering will be placed this week.

The Mason's must have had a hard time making a selection of officers last Saturday night, judging by the lateness of the hour when they came one by one feeling their way down the back stairs.

The person who stole Mr. Wice's buffalo-robe last week, took a laudable notion to mend his ways, and so between two days returned the property minus nothing but the "narrative"; it is supposed there was too much name to be effaced easily—hence, the streak of honesty.

Lawrence Letterings.

Mrs. Wooden's daughter is very sick with typhoid fever.

Phillips has his building nearly completed and ready for use.

John Robinson has moved out of the old house into the new.

A case of diphtheria is reported at Maj. Rhodes in Arlington.

L. McCardell and Fred Smith are going to the North woods to work.

The Baptist society held an oyster supper at H. M. Marshall's hall, last Friday evening.

The Lawrence grange elect its officers for the ensuing year, on the afternoon of Dec. 17th.

H. G. Barnes returned from his northern hunting trip, Saturday. He bagged three deer.

This is the third scare Lawrence has had in the last 18 years from the small-pox. No damage done yet.

Ed. S. Jelley commenced teaching school in the Barnes district last week, with a full attendance. Sixty pupils enrolled.

The iron has arrived for the Grange hall, and the contractors, Wm. Bass and Oscar Sweet, have commenced putting it on.

H. M. Marshall is having a rash of business this fall. He keeps five clerks who are constantly employed putting up goods.

Ellis Conklin commenced his school in the Van Auker district, Bangor, on Monday last. He teaches three months for \$30 per month.

A public meeting will be held at Lawrence, to-morrow, Saturday, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of raising a fund to defend Green's patent drive well windmill. All interested are invited.

Hartford Happenings.

Charles Leach has a new addition to his machine shop.

Asher Delong is recovering from his second stroke of paralysis.

Lonsberry & Hatch have formed a co-partnership in the artist business.

Charlie Warren is happy. His first born is a 10 lb. boy, who arrived last Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Travis, who has been confined to her room for the past week, is a trifle better.

The condition of the roads requires a four horse team on the stage running from here to Lawrence.

It is reported that Warren Spaulding, who is here on a visit from Dakota, has purchased E. K. Craft's old farm, and intends returning to occupy it.

The show window of Mr. Hawks, jeweler, is constantly filled with watches and clocks, on hand for repairs. They go out in perfect running order.

The social at Dr. Engle's was a success—about 60 were present and a very pleasant time. Music, recitations, tableaux and charades furnished ample entertainment for all.

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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetters, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Duncombe, Stearns & Co.

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E. Balch, Elgin, Ill., writes: "That after trying dozens of patent liniments, without relief, for a rheumatic and stiff knee, I feel I have 'struck oil at last,' for after using three bottles of Thomas' Electric Oil, I am prepared to say it is the best application I have ever used."

NEARLY A MIRACLE.

E. Asenath Hall, Bangor, N. Y., writes: "I suffered for several months with a dull pain through left lung and shoulders. I lost my spirits, appetite and color, and could with difficulty keep up all day. My mother procured some Burdock Blood Bitters: I took them as directed, and have felt no pain since first week after using them, and am now quite well!" Price \$1.00. Sold by Duncombe, Stearns & Co.

"THE COMMODORE."

Jos. L. Foote, the Commodore, Elgin, Ill., says Thomas' Electric Oil cured him of sciatica with one application. He then applied it, it also cured him of a severe cold and cough. He thinks it a very valuable remedy, and will never be without it.

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Is the grandest work of nature, but nothing detracts so much from her beauty as a sallow complexion and spotted skin. To prevent it, use hops and malt bitters, which purify the blood. Try a free bottle.

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A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE.

The above is a fact, so do not delay using Hall's Catarrh Cure if you are troubled with catarrh. For sale by all druggists at 75 cents per bottle.

O. What a Cough.

Will you heed the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease Consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50 cts. to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a million bottles were sold the past year. It relieves the Croup and Whooping Cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it. For Lamé Back